

Gulfport, Miss. (July 8, 2005)  
 – U.S. Navy Seabees set up  
 a barrier to retain loose  
 topsoil in preparation for  
 the arrival of Hurricane  
 Dennis onboard Naval Con-  
 struction Battalion Center  
 Gulfport. U.S. Navy photo  
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 Class Sean Mulligan.



## TFNF Still Assisting Navy Families

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Nearly four months after Hurricane Katrina came ashore along the U.S. Gulf Coast, Task Force Navy Family (TFNF) continues to provide assistance to active-duty, Reserve, Department of the Navy (DON) civilians and retirees recovering from the hurricane's devastating effects.

In response to needs communicated through TFNF Command Liaison Officers from affected commands to TFNF headquarters, a series of briefs on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Administration, insurance law and bankruptcy were conducted Dec. 10–15 in New Orleans, Gulfport, Pascagoula and Pensacola by Navy Reservists who are attorneys in their civilian careers.

According to Judge Advocate General Cmdr. Kevin Whitmore, the purpose of the briefs was to arm Navy families with information. "Our hope is that people attending these briefs will leave here today empowered," Whitmore said.

During the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport presentation, Whitmore recommended individuals dealing with insurance adjusters and claims "keep a disaster journal, including details, dates, times and names of what you've been told, and by whom."

"The Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO) in Gulfport is standing by to help," said Lt. Brett Bowlin, Officer in Charge of the NLSO in Gulfport. "Bring your checks or insurance contracts into the Naval Legal Service Office here on base, and if you have questions about it, we can look over it."

Navy families affected by hurricanes Katrina, Rita or Wilma can obtain immediate personnel-related assistance through the Navy's toll-free number, 877-414-5358, or obtain further information by visiting Task Force Navy Family Web site at [www.navy.mil/tfnf.html](http://www.navy.mil/tfnf.html).

Community Support Centers (CSC) are another resource for hurricane-impacted personnel and families. The CSC staff can provide one-on-one consultation, assistance with evacuation allowances, emergency assistance, military family hotlines, emotional support, school and community information, and all other appropriate assistance. For a complete list of contacts at CSCs, please visit the Task Force Navy Family Web site or call 800-372-5463.

Navy family members can also contact the Task Force Navy Family Ombudsman Resource Center for questions or referrals relating to any needs as a result of hurricanes Katrina, Rita or Wilma by calling 866-345-8179.

For related news, visit the Task Force Navy Family Navy News-Stand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/hurricane/](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/hurricane/). CHIPS

DON CIP Program Course consists of four sequential courses outlined below:

DON CIAO – 5862-1/Marine Corps DI5500 A: Beginning the CIP Process

Introduces CIP and the CIP Event Cycle with detailed information on the first phase: Analysis & Assessment. Lesson Goal: student will be able to identify:

- The main events in the evolution of CIP and the steps of the CIP Event Cycle
- The factors that determine mission critical assets
- The types of assets assessed in the CIP process
- The purpose and components of the Naval Integrated Vulnerability Assessment

DON CIAO – 5862-2/Marine Corps DI5500 B: CIP Remediation - Reducing Known Vulnerabilities

Explains the concept of remediation and takes the student through the remediation process. Lesson Goal: student will be able to:

- Identify the purpose of remediation
- Identify and apply the steps in the CIP remediation process

DON CIAO – 5862-3/Marine Corps DI5500 C: Reacting to Potential Threats

Discusses how to use the knowledge gained from mission critical assets to appropriately react to threat indications and warnings. Lesson Goal: student will know how to:

- Identify the elements of CIP Indications & Warnings
- Update a list of mission critical assets
- Identify the techniques used to mitigate the threat to mission critical assets
- Apply available resources to mitigate the threat to a mission critical asset

DON CIAO – 5862-4/Marine Corps DI5500 D: Consequence Management (CM) Planning

Describes the CM planning process and the specific plans required.

Lesson Goal: student will be able to determine whether a current and accurate CM plan exists, and will know how to:

- Identify the process used to create an integrated CM Plan
- Apply the steps in the CM Process to update an existing CM plan
- Identify the components of each of the four plans that make up a CM Plan

To access the DON CIP program courses:

1. Log in to NKO.
2. Click on the e-Learning link, which will take you automatically through one screen to the Welcome page for e-Learning.
3. Click on the link for the DON CIP Program in the "What's New Listing."

You can access MarineNet via NKO or directly. Eligibility information is verified against the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). If you are registered in the DEERS, you will likely have access to courses on MarineNet.

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